

MULTIJURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCES

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Multijurisdictional task forces are vital elements in the statewide effort to reduce the availability of illegal drugs and to reduce levels of violent crime. Because most law enforcement authority is limited to specific jurisdictions, but criminal activity is not, it is possible for large criminal enterprises to commit crimes beyond the scope of power of a particular law enforcement agency. Addressing this problem requires cooperation among numerous law enforcement agencies. Multijurisdictional task forces combine the talents and resources of a variety of organizations to eliminate jurisdictional and procedural barriers.

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Multijurisdictional task forces integrate federal, state, county and local law enforcement agencies and prosecutors for the purpose of enhancing inter-agency coordination and intelligence; to facilitate multijurisdictional investigations to remove mid and upper level narcotic offenders and related conspiracies; and to impact and assist in solving regional and local community drug and violent crime related problems. The Task Force Board of Directors will structure and coordinate multijurisdictional activities, resources, and functions of law enforcement and prosecution in accordance with purpose area goals and objectives.

GOALS, OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal #1 **The removal of multijurisdictional narcotic offenders and conspiracies in the regional area.**

Objective #1 Investigation, prosecution, and conviction of multijurisdictional narcotic offenders and violent criminals through the integration of law enforcement agencies and prosecutors, with federal agency cooperation, for the purpose of enhancing interagency coordination, cooperation, and intelligence.

Activities	<p>Establishment of criteria to identify, select and prioritize narcotic investigations with emphasis on mid and upper level drug dealers. Coordination and monitoring of cases to ensure effective management and supervision of shared investigation and prosecutorial resources and activities.</p> <p>Each project shall have a Board of Directors, which is comprised of a representative from each state, county, and local agency participating in the project. The Board will establish policies consistent with purpose area goals and objectives; allocate, focus, and manage project resources; and provide oversight of project investigations. Members of the group will have an equal vote on all matters. Identification and assignment of resources and skills required in the investigation and prosecutorial process throughout the duration of a case.</p>
Performance Measures	The number of drug trafficking organizations identified as major dealers within regional area the task force dismantled, disrupted or rendered ineffective. The number of Class I, II, III, IV and V violators arrested.
Goal #2	The disruption, dismantling, or rendering ineffective targeted money laundering organizations identified within the regional area with assistance of the Money Laundering task force.
Objective #2	Targeting of money laundering operations and the seizure of assets directed at dismantling the drug dealers' business.
Activities	Establishment of criteria to identify, select and prioritize money laundering investigations. Coordinate money laundering investigations with the Money Laundering task force.
Performance Measures	The number and value of assets seized directed at dismantling the drug dealers' business. The extent of task force involvement with the Money Laundering task force to assist with investigations in the regional area.
Goal #3	Work with citizen groups, schools, community and treatment agencies to reduce crime and improve quality of life.
Objective #3	Cooperation and interaction with schools, community agencies, citizen groups, and treatment agencies, including participation on boards and committees.

Activities	Maintain regular contact and share drug-related information with schools, community agencies, citizen groups, and treatment agencies.
Performance Measures	The extent of task force interaction and cooperation with protective services, drug treatment agencies and local school personnel in the regional area.

SAA REPORTING, MONITORING, AND EVALUATION METHODS

All projects funded through this program must:

- Report the number of Class I, II, III, IV and V violators arrested.
- Report the amount and type of drugs seized/purchased.
- Report the number and value of assets seized.
- Report the interaction and cooperation of the task force with Federal agencies, protective services, drug treatment agencies and local school personnel.